ON THE BROAD OHIO

Delightful Trip Over the Expansive Bosom of the River.

VISITS TO TOWNS ON THE WAY

Childhood Days Recalled by the Pass ing Panerama-Interesting His-

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A delightful trip up and down the

We boarded the steamer James G. Blaine for a delightful trip on that historic river; historic in name, but more particularly so in another, because on its banks was born the great and honored stateman, James G. Blaine. Pleasing and beautiful to the eye and emiluring and beautiful to the eye and emiluring the stateman and the stateman are the stateman. ing to the aimd are the graceful draper-ies of land, whose ministries of health and happiness lend to the quiet inhabi-tants along its banks that which means

tants along its banks that which means more than wealth.

Our lookout from the pilot house on one bright afternoon as we rounded a bend which brought us within sight of what is called West Brownville and the old honored red house in which our late republican secretary of state was born, became the scene of solemn reverence. The beat, the statesman's namesake, slowed up in order that the captain might better be able to explain the old time history connected with the house and its former inhabitants. The old substantial marssion stands in a retired

small town which they call fast Browns ville. Ensourced in a delightful little grove on a beautiful eminence which slopes down toward the river bank. stands a modest, strong, characteristic monument which James G. Blaine had exected but a few years ago, and under which rest the remains of his beloved mother. This was a tribute of reveren-tial and parental love and respect. The grave had been unmarked until of late, for various reasons explained by our captain. One was that Mr. Blaine had always intended to remove his mother to a place where they might all rest to gother. The scene enlivened an interest in the bearts and minds of the passenin the hearts and minds of the passengers who were then on board. Young and old, grave and gay, seemed to unite with each other in sympathetic, reverential manifestations. We passed up among fine wooded hills, farmes and mines to the head of the Monongahela river navigation, then returned to Pittsburg where we remained a week visit-ing among the iron, steel, glass, porce-lain and other magnificent manufactur-ing interests and of educational value. Then a trip of considerable interest was taken into the great Allegheny mountains. But to speak of this at length, so se to make it useful and interesting.

flow as one in a southwesterly direction to Pomercy, three miles above the Great Kanawha river of West Virginia, and 251 miles below Pittsburg. From Pomercy the river takes a northwesterly course to Cincinnati. These two great cities are about 500 miles apart by river course, they are on a direct line east course, they are on a direct line east and west over land, which shortens the

distance very much.

This trip is a most delightful one, and to those who have made the trip it needs no description. To those who have never made the trip, but anticipate making it some day, we will simply say that in all this land, traverse it as you will be a state of a country of the same transfer. will, no stretch of country or water travel of this length contains more varied, pleasing scenery to delight the eye than does this 500 miles, which stretch between these two great cities, the Iron and the Queen of the West. This portion of the Ohio may be compared in scenery with the Upper Mississippi, from its head down to below Rock Island.

For the benefit of those who have not made the trip, particularly school chilgraphy of river navigation, and cities of the country, we will submit a short sketch of the great river and its tribu-

Leaving the Monongahela wharf at l'ittsburg on the steamer Fashion on one afternoon about 5 o'clock we rounded out into the stream, and in a few moments we passed under the three rivers. Point bridge, and the broaden-ing water tells us, if we did not remem-ber from our school day geography, that here it is that the Ohio, so well named by the old French settlers "La Beile Eivlere," is born and begins its onward march to join the father of waters at Caire, a thousand miles away. The first object that greets the eye is that magnificent "inn" built by the Keystone state for the entertainment of its thoughtless or wayward sons and daughters the western penitentiary of Pennsylvania a truly magnificent structure, but a grim reminder of, that here the acts of the wicked will be re

wanted and that it pays one to be good.

Davie letand Dam. Next comes the celebrated Davis Is land dam, which was built by the general government for the benefit of Pittsburg, its harbor, its coal and fron inter-A little further down on our left is Nevilla island. This is the largest island on the upper Ohio, the whole is had out and cultivated into beautiful garden farms and attractive homes.
Next come the Deman's islands. On the right, rising high above the river, sits modestly perched upon the cliffs levely little Dirmont, the homes (as imagined by the inmates) of kings, queens, dukes, duchesms and potentates. For the sake of conveying our siens more clearly we will call it the insens asylum. A short distance below on our right lies Sewickley, the beautiful suburban home of so many of Pittsburg's realthy business. Here the daylight began to fade and the twinking lights of the night made their darker they twinkled and twittered and told the passers by that here is the childing place of that queer sect of people, the "Economites," who have assessed to their satisfaction the of Pittsburg's wealthy business affirmative that problematic question, which has been acitating the mode of the world, "Is no rriage a failure?" Onwe pum to Rechester. Pa., thirty miles below Pittsburg. Here the best takes on larges of bottles and tumbiers, for the manufacture of which Rechester is celebented the world over having the largest We now pass Crew Island. Hog Island, Montgomery Island. Safe Harber. Phil-is In Imanel, Industry. Singping Fort and

Down the Stream.

On we go to Glasgo, on the right of the river, then we pass over to George town on the left side of the river. The two towns are the last in the state of Pennsylvania and just over the state lines of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, which is just fforty miles from Pittaburg. It will thus be noticed by the geography student that Pennsyvania occupies forty miles of bank on each side of the Ohio river, making eighty miles of river bank line in all.

We now pass down into the states of Ohio and West Virginia to Line island, thence four miles down to East Liverpool, Ohio, which is celebrated the world over for the number and extent of its potteries. After leading up a large lot of the ware for which this place is famous, and taking a new addition of pleasure seekers, we round out into the river and again continus our journey to Wells Village, Black island, Newberg, Port Homer and Black Horse island. We are now at Steubenville, one of the oldest towns in southern Ohio, and seventy miles below Pittsburg. We make a short stop for passengers and down river freight, then pass on to Jefferson, Mingo and Warren on the Ohio side, and to Wellsburg ou the West Virginia side, then down to Sister islands, which are located in the middle of the river; thence to Martin's Ferry and Bridgeport on the Ohio side. From the latter place the boat re-crosses, passing above the Wheeling island to Wheeling, West Virginia. Wheeling etands only second to Pittsburg in the number and extent of its manufactures, and ranks at the head of all American cities in the output of nails.

Leaving Wheeling, our journey is con-

substantial mansion stands in a retired apot, and is at present used as a common boarding house for miners and river men.

East Brownsville.

On the right hand of the river going up, and nearly opposite the house in which Mr. Binine was born, stands a small town which they call East Browns. ing on a river and wondering if it is not some beautiful highland lake (inter-spersed with little isles) upon which our

Many Towns Touched At.

From Wheeling we pass down to Benwood and Kates Rock, then cross over to beautiful little historic Bellaire, Ohio, thence to Pittsburg coal works, to Megee, thence to Captina Island and Moundsville, West Virginia; then to Fish Island and over to the old town of Powhattan, Ohio. We pass the towns of Clarington, Bearsville, Sardis, Witten, Cocransville and others on the Ohio side. Proctor, Martin's, Peden's Island, Williamson's Island, Sisters and Wells' Island on the West Virginia side. Onward we go to Grandview and Grandview Islands, Matamoras, Grape Island, Middle Island, Newport; then to the Little Muskingum, all of which are on the Ohio bank, Friendly, Long Reach, Raven Rock, Wade, St. Mary's, Three Brothers' Island and Williamsport on the West Virginia side.

There is no grander scenery to be viewed than is the scenery from Wheeling, West Virginia, to Marietta, Ohio, the highlands of the Hudson not excepted.

Marietta is the oldest town in the Many Towns Touched At.

would take time and space, so we leave it for the present.

Three Great Rivers.

The three noted rivers, Aliegheny.
Monongahela and Ohio, form a conjunction at Pittsburg, from where they junction at Pittsburg, from where they have been been a continued in a continue of the same in a continue of the continue of the country's products, and with the new country is new country and with the new country Ohio and Musismippi to New Orleans and into the Gulf of Mexico; there both ships and cargo were sold. The ship under the new ownership was sent across the ocean, or used as a const-ing vessel, never to return to the place of its birth. The builders and original of its birth. The builders and original owners returned either by crossing the country on foot, or by small skiffs easily handled on an up river trip. It was far easier to make the down trip in high water in the ship than to pull and row back in a small boat. It took months to accomplish the task. The Marietta people are among the finest and most intelligent in the country; they are proud of their history, and have good reason to be. They celebrated their centennial four years ago. We had the pleasure of being an eye witness to part of their performance, which were of the highest order. highest or

It is at Marietta the Big Muskingum river adds its waters to those of the already widening Ohio. Our liberty-loving enthusiastic passengers bid a patriotic farewell to the place and its people, whose predecessors took such a wide and heroic part in the fights for the liberty which a room and

liberty which we now enjoy.

A run of twelve miles brings us to A run of twelve miles brings us to Parkersburg, a growing and prosperous town, and already one of the most important places in the state of West Virginia. Here the Little Kanawha river comes tumbling down from its lofty mountain home to pour its yellow tide into the beautiful "La Belle," the Ohio. On our way from Marietta to Parkers. On our way from Marietta to Parkers-burg we passed some of the most beau-tiful islands ever seen in water, some of which have been turned into fine land scape gardens and farms. Among the number are the Muskingum. Vine and Neal's, with numerous tasteful villas located upon them and the lofty river

Blennerhasset Island. Leaving Parkersburg in the quiet of in evening, with the setting of a most

brilliant sun, casting its gimmering reflections upon the waters between it and the boat a long, low island was seen, and as we rapidly approached it we were told by the obliging pilot then in charge land who seemed to know every foot of land and water along the river's course, and ever ready to reint out course), and ever ready to point out to us the various objects of hiscourse), and ever ready to point out to us the various objects of historical, as well as those of modern interest. He informed us that it was the celebrated blennerhasset island, and whom of our readers has not read something of the sad story of the true hearted Irish gentleman, who in the early days of our history, when all this fair land was a veritable wilderness, came here and built far himself a home, which was a second garden of Eden, and how the serpent, "Burr," entered it, as did that other serpent of which the libble tells us, and left behind, as did the other, a trail of sin and shame. We cannot step to tell the story which is one of the ambiest, yet one of the most interesting ever read, but can simply refer to it, and unge our boys and girls, who are reading the history of the United States, not to overlook this, one of the most interesting parts of it. The ruins of the old castle home can yet be seen from the hurricane deck of the steamer. As we passed the bis larger talk the most interesting the history in the larger talk the most interesting parts of it. steamer. As we passed the his-toric isle, the meliow shades of night gently fell upon the scene, the passengers went below, and so thoroughly did they find themselves fitted to their places that it seemed as if they were not passengers but one of the great family whose sole aim was enjoyment. Tables were cleared away and amusements of various names were engaged in, to while the hours of night

Mustaffa and Belle islands, then retired to our room. During the night the following points were made and passed on the Ohio side: Hockingport, Resdeville, Shade Rive, Portland, Buffington island, Old Town, Apple Grove, Setartsville, Antiquity, Racine and Syracuse. On the Virginia side, Murrayville, Muse's Bottom, Ravenwood, Pleasant View, Willow Grove, Goose island, Setart Falla, Hartfort City, Mason City and West Columbia.

Daylight finds us at the long, rambling town of Pomeroy, Ohio, with its numerous salt wells. It is here that the greatest part of the salt used in the south and west is made, and a large freight is taken on for southern points. We passon, making several stops during the day, among which are Middleport, on the Baltimore & Ohio, one of the greatest scenic roads in the country. We then cross, and pass Eight Mile Island, then down to Point Pleasant, Virginia, situated at the mouth of the Great Kanawha river, which here love: its waters by mingling with those of the Ohio. We were invited to step ashore and partake of an early tea with friends while the boat was discharging and taking on freight. A deep shrill of the whistle and ringing of the bell told us that we must go on board. Adieu was said to the kind people of Point Pleasant, and on we passed in rapid succession of towns and jalands, Gallipolis island being the first, the next was Raccon island, Apple grove and Glenwood, on the Virginia shore cheshire and Adison, on the Ohio side. Our next stop was the old town of Gallipolis, then Proctorville, Guyandotte and Huntington. The latter named is the last town on Ohio's river shore in West Virginia. At this point the Guyandotte river enters the Ohio. We are now 310 miles below Pittsburg, and subtracting the forty miles of Pennsylvania shore line on the south side of the river from the distance of 310 miles. On the opposite side, along the Ohio shore, we passe the following towns, after leaving Gallipolis: Chambersburg, Rush's nill, Swan creek. Crown City, Millersport, Haskelville, Proctor's vi

Into Kentucky.

Below Huntington, on the Virginia side, we have St. Cloud and Ceredo. We now pass to the mouth of the Big Sandy river, on the Virginia side, aptly named, for it puts out more sand than it does water. We land at Cattlettsburg and find ourselves within the confines of that grand old commonwealtn, Kentucky, justly celebrated for fine horses, good linuous and beautiful women.

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Once again we move and soon find ourselves entering into the kingdom of coal and iron, the mighty monarchs which have such powerful control over our manufacturing interests. Ashland, Russell V. Riverton and Greenup, Ky.; South Point, Petersburgh, Ironton, Hanging Rock and Union Landing, Ohio, are filled and surrounded by iron furnaces and coal mines. We pass on to Junior Landing, Sciotoville and Portsmouth, Ohio, a large, growing and prosperous city. Here the Scioto river enters into the Ohio, which from the ordinary sized stream we first saw at its ters into the Ohio, which from the ordinary sized stream we first saw at its birthplace in the western part of Ohio, midway between the north and south lines, then winding its way northeastward to the capital, Columbus; thence south into the Ohio, where it has grown into a mighty river, wide enough, if the government would only deepen it, to carry the commerce of the whole valley.

A blow of the whistle, a few strokes of the bell, then a splash of the wheel, and on we go, passing the following places on the Ohio banks: Walker's Landing, Buena Vista, Rome, Brush Creek, Wrightville, Manchester, Aberdeen and Ripley.

Ripley.

On the Kentucky side are Conoconeque Island, Quincy, Vanceburg, Brush Creek Island, Karr, Concord, Manchester Island and Mayville. At the latter we made a stop for passengers and freight. Then to Dover, Augusta, Foster, California, Wineburg, Dayton, Newport and Covington, Kentucky; and on port and Covington, Kentucky; and on the Ohio side Higginsport, Utopia, Chito, Neville, Moscow, Point Pleasant, New Richmond, Palestine, the beautiful Coney Island resort, twelve miles above Cincinnati, then California and Colum-

We are now at Cincinnati, what is rightly called the Queen city, of over 300,000 inhabitants. Here we remained for over a week sight-seeing and study. ing. To attempt a description of the many and fine sights, the parks, gardens and various pleasure resorts of this city, would be beyond our power, and this hastily written article to admit of. We must contend ourselves by saying there is no city in the west where a few days or weeks can be so pleasantly and profit-

ably spent.
We will continue our trip from Cincinnati down to Cairo, thence to Mem phis and return.

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